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International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237			
Applicant EMS-CHEMIE AG			

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**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

		Date of mailing (day/month/year)
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If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material
 a sequence listing
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 - b. format of material
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4. Additional comments:

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Box No. II Priority

1. The following document has not yet been furnished:

copy of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis.1 and 66.7(a)).
 translation of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis.1 and 66.7(b)).

Consequently it has not been possible to consider the validity of the priority claim. This opinion has nevertheless been established on the assumption that the relevant date is the claimed priority date.

2. This opinion has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the fact that the priority claim has been found invalid (Rules 43bis.1 and 64.1). Thus for the purposes of this opinion, the international filing date indicated above is considered to be the relevant date.

3. Additional observations, if necessary:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	YES	
	Claims	1-13	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	YES	
	Claims	1-13	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	YES	
	Claims	1-13	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

1. The present report makes reference to the following documents:

D1: WO-A-0228953

D2: Patent Abstracts of Japan vol. 2000, no. 26, (2002-07-01) & JP-A-2001 261973

D3: DE-A-24 47 727

2. Novelty and inventive step (PCT Article 33(1) and 33(3))

The present application does not satisfy the requirements of PCT Article 33(1) because the subject matter of claim 1 is not novel within the meaning of PCT Article 33(2).

Document D1, which is considered to be the closest prior art, relates to halogen-free, flameproof polyamide compositions containing 95-10 mass % polyamide, 0-50 mass % glass fibre, 5-40 mass % of a phosphinic acid salt (I) or diphosphinic acid salt (II) according to the present application and also 0-50 mass % additives (claims 10-12, 16).

The compositions have the V-O rating (UL94) (page

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6, lines 21-25) and are especially suitable for producing moulded articles in the electronics industry (claim 17).

Examples I to V (tables 1 and 2) differ from the subject matter of claim 1 by the use of an aliphatic polyamide 6.

The teaching of D1 is not restricted solely to aliphatic polyamides. Preferred polyamides within the context of D1 also include partially aromatic, partially crystalline polyamides such as PA 6/6T, PA 66/6T, PA 6/66/6T, PA 66/61/6T and mixtures thereof (page 7, lines 1-6).

It is pointed out that the disclosure of a document is not restricted either to the claims or to the specific examples of embodiments, but rather includes any reproducible technical teaching described in the document. In examining novelty, different passages of a document can be combined with one another unless the person skilled in the art would forgo such a combination for any reason.

Combining the examples with the general teaching of D1 is thus considered to be prejudicial to the novelty of claim 1.

Claims 2-13 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer back, satisfy the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty and inventive step.

The subject matter of claims 1 to 13 is thus not considered to be novel or to be based on any

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inventive step within the meaning of PCT Article
33(2) and 33(3).

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